THE Ordinary *of* NEWGATE HIS ACCOUNT OF

The Behaviour, Confeſſions, *and* Laſt Speeches *of the* Malefactors *that were Executed at* Tyburn *on* Monday *the 27th of* January, 1717/8.

AT the general Quarter-Seſſions held at Juſtice-hall in the *Old-bailey*, on *Friday* the 10th, *Saturday* the 11th, and *Wedneſday* the 15th of *January*, 171⅞; Eleven Perſons, *viz.* Six Men, and Five Women, who were Try'd for, and found Guilty of, ſeveral Capital Crimes, did accordingly receive Sentence of Death: But Two of the Women that pleaded their Pregnancy, and were (by the Verdict of 12 Matrons) brought in to be with Quick Child, having their Judgment reſpited, and the three other Women, with three of the Men, being (by His Most Gracious Majesty's great Mercy) Repriev'd, together with *John Hall* alias *Clark*, who was alſo Repriev'd laſt night, but for 8 days only, (which Mercy I wiſh they may duly improve) but Two Men are now order'd for Execution.

While they lay under this Condemnation, I conſtantly viſited them, and to that Purpoſe had them brought up, twice every day, to the Chapel of *Newgate*, where I pray'd with them, read and expounded the Word of GOD to them; giving them from it ſuch Inſtructions and Admonitions as I judg'd moſt ſuitable to their weak Capacities and deplorable Circumſtances, thereby endeavouring to bring them to a State of true Repentance and a happy Change of Life, both here and hereafter.

On the Lord's Day, the 12th inſtant, I preach'd to them and others there preſent, both in the Morning and Afternoon, upon part of the Epiſtle appointed for that Morning-Service, *viz. Rom.* 12. 1. *I beſeech you, Brethren, by the Mercies of God, that you preſent your Bodies a Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable unto God; which is your Reaſonable Service.*

After a general Explanation of which Words, I ſhew'd the great Import of them, under theſe Particulars;

I. *The* Preface, *which is moſt emphatical, moving, and perſwaſive.* I beſeech you, Brethren, by the Mercies of God.

II. *The* Exhortation *to the Performance of this great and comfortable* Duty, *viz.* That you preſent your Bodies a Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable unto God.

III. ult.

III. ult. *The* Argument *here us'd by the Apoſtle, ſhewing the Reaſonableneſs of this* Duty, *in theſe laſt Words of the Text:* It is your Reaſonable Service.

Having enlarg'd upon thoſe Points, and drawn ſuch practical Inferences as naturally reſult from them, I concluded at both times with ſuitable Admonitions to the Malefactors that were (within a few days thence) to receive Sentence of Death; which accordingly was paſſed on them the next *Wedneſday* after, *viz.* the 15th inſtant. And,

On the Lord's Day, the 19th inſtant, I did preach to them again (both in the Morning and Afternoon) on part of the Epiſtle for that Day, *viz. Rom.* 12. 10. *Be kindly affectioned one to another with Brotherly Love.*

From which Words, firſt explain'd in general, I ſhew'd;

I. *How Chriſtian Love is here recommended to our Practice.*

II. *The Excellency and Uſefulneſs of this Duty.*

III. *The great Motives we have to it, and the tranſcendent Advantages accruing from it; which chiefly conſiſt of the Good it procures, and the Evil it prevents, in this World, and in the next.*

When I had largely and diſtinctly diſcours'd on theſe Heads, I then (in the Concluſion) directed my Auditory to do theſe two Things; *viz.*

1ſt, *To compare their former Practice with the Precept in the Text, of being* kindly affectioned one to another with Brotherly Love.

And,

2dly, *To rectifie all paſt Miſcarriages, and regulate their future Lives and Actions according to it.*

Again, I preach'd Yeſterday (both in the Forenoon and Afternoon) the 26th inſtant, and the Third Sunday after *Epiphany*, on *Iſaiah* 55. 6, 7. being part of the Firſt Leſſon for that Morning-Service, and the Words theſe: *Seek ye the Lord while He may be found: Call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the Wicked forſake his Way, and the Unrighteous Man his Thought; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have Mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly Pardon.*

In diſcourſing upon this Text, and for the Illuſtration and ſetting forth of the uſeful Doctrine herein contain'd, I ſhew'd,

I. *That in it we have an Exhortative Command, which is, to* Seek the Lord while He may found; *and what is imply'd by that Phraſe.*

II. *The Import of this repeated Exhortation and Command, couched in another Synonymous Expreſſion, which immediately follows,* viz. *this:* Call ye upon Him while He is near.

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III. *The proper Diſpoſition requiſite for our effectual* Seeking *and* Calling upon God; *and that is, our* Return *to Him in* Faith *and* Repentance.

IV. *The happy Succeſs we ſhall have in ſo doing*; *for (ſays the Prophet in the Cloſe of the Text)* The Lord will have Mercy, and He will abundantly Pardon.

After I had ſeverally ſpoke to theſe, I concluded with preſſing Admonitions (chiefly directed) to the Condemn'd to *Repent*, and make their Peace with GOD, and be reconciled to Him through JESUS CHRIST, the great Lover of Souls, and Saviour of all Penitent Sinners.

The ſad Account I am to give of the miſerable harden'd Wretches hereafter named, is as follows.

1. **John Stone**, convicted of High-Treaſon, for Counterfeiting the Current Coin of *England*, by making Falſe Shillings and Half-Crowns, on the 2d of *November* laſt. He ſaid, he was 22 Years of age, born in the Pariſh of St. *Margaret Weſtminſter*: That before he had attain'd to 12 Years, his Parents bound him Apprentice to a Vintner, who kept the *Ship-Tavern* in *Princes-ſtreet* near *Leiceſter-fields*: That when he had liv'd there about 4 Years, his ſaid Maſter dying, and ſoon after his Miſtreſs too, he then went to ſerve (but not as an Apprentice) other Vintners alternately, *viz.* One, that kept the *Kings-head-Tavern* near *Hicks's Hall*; and another, the *Tun-Tavern* near *Hungerford-Market* in the *Strand*: That, after this, he went to *Hampſtead*, in the Summer-Seaſon, and liv'd ſometimes at *Mother Huff's*, and at another time in another publick Houſe there; and, That when he was out of Buſineſs he went to his Mother, who then maintain'd him as well as ſhe was able. As to his Morals and Religion, he could give but a ſlender Account thereof, as having liv'd a very vicious Life, which he acknowledg'd in general; yet was ſo obſtinate, as to refuſe the Diſcovery of thoſe things he had moſt offended in, and even deny'd the plain Fact he was juſtly condemn'd for. Of this particularly I often endeavour'd to bring him to a Confeſſion, ſhewing him the Neceſſity of anſwering me in a Matter wherein the Publick was ſo nearly concern'd; but he ſaid (and that with Anger too) That *whether he had done any thing in it or no, he would not tell it me.* Then ſaid I to him, *From this very Anſwer you give me, I infer that you are guilty: I am ſorry to find you ſo harden'd, and withal ſo rude; I pray God melt you into true Repentance, and Amendment of Life, before* Death (*which is now near at hand*) *remove you into another State, wherein you ſhall not be able* (*if you don't take care now*) *to Repent:*

2. Henry

2. **Henry Chickley**, condemn'd for aſſaulting Mr. *Charles Brown* on the King's Highway, and taking from him a Silver-Watch, a Pocket-book, and a Bank-Note of 25 *l.* on the 16th of *July* laſt. He ſaid, he was 21 Years of age, born in the Pariſh of St. *Mary* in *Warwick*: That he had ſerv'd a Tobacconiſt in that Town for 5 Years together, who imploy'd him in cutting and making-up Tobacco: That when he left his ſaid Maſter, he came up to *London*, and follow'd the ſame Imploy-ment with a Tobacconiſt here, whom he ſerv'd two Years: That he had been for three Years in the Sea-Service, *viz.* two on board the *Roebuck*, and one in the *Torbay*, both Men of War. He own'd he had (for the greateſt part of his Life) much neglected the Service of GOD, and committed many Sins, ſuch as *Lewdneſs*, *Debauchery*, &c. but never was guilty of *Theft* or *Robbery*. And here he poſitively de-ny'd his being concern'd in the Fact he ſtood condemn'd for. But when afterwards I ſhew'd him how he ought ſeriouſly to conſider, that if he was guilty of it, and endeavour'd to cover it with a Lye, he ſhould be ſo far from getting any Advantage by ſuch a Denial, that it would but aggravate his Crime, and render him ſo much the more guilty before GOD. Upon this he ſaid, That *if he had done it, he was ſorry for it*: And that was all I could then get of him.

At the Place of Execution, to which they were this Day carry'd from *Newgate*, viz. *John Stone* on a Sledge, and the other in a Cart, I attended them for the laſt time; and with ſuch preſſing Exhortations and Prayers, as I judg'd moſt proper to uſe for them, I endeavour'd to work them into a due Senſe of their miſerable Condition by Sin in this World, and of the infinitely greater Miſery (if they died in Impenitence) which they ſhould undergo to all Eternity in the next. Then I ask'd them ſeverally, *What they had to ſay before this their Departure*; and, *Whether they could ſtill perſiſt in the Denial of their reſpective Facts?* To which they an-

answer'd, viz. *John Stone*, That *He should make no Confession to me, nor to any-body else*: And *Henry Chickley*, That *he would tell me nothing*.

After this, I gave them some further Admonitions, and pray'd again, sung a Penitential Psalm, made them rehearse the Apostles Creed, and wish'd their Souls might be sav'd. Then I retir'd from them, and the Cart drew away, and they were turn'd off; praying for that Mercy which they had so much abus'd, and so often rejected: But I cannot think otherwise than that they came short of it, considering all these things; 1*st*, That they had been great Offenders, guilty of many ill Facts, and would not particularly own any of them. 2*dly*, That all the time they were under Condemnation they could not be made sensible of their miserable Condition, nor be perswaded to apply themselves to GOD with all the Powers of their Souls for Help and Mercy; but instead thereof, even when at Prayer in the *Chapel*, they could not forbear playing with one-another, and were ready, upon any Call, to go out to the Chapel-door, and drink there. 3*dly*, That this very Morning, when I had them in the *Chapel*, and told them I was now come to meet them for the last time there, and hop'd they had been (and were still) considering how they might obtain GOD's Favour, the Pardon of their Sins, and the Eternal Salvation of their Souls; and that to this purpose I was come to pray with them, &c. they did not seem at all affected; but when I was at Prayer, *Stone* took out of his Bosom one of those creeping Creatures, with which I suppose he abounded, and put it upon an open Book that lay before *Chickley*, and said, *See how he is galloping over the Prayers*.

NB. When they were come to the Tree, just before their being turn'd off, they exclaim'd against me, for not administring the Holy Sacrament of the LORD's Supper to them; which indeed I thought them not in the least fit to receive: But upon my telling the People that were about the *Cart*, of their wicked and unheard-of Behaviour, I do believe every

Man of *Reaſon* and *Religion* was ſatisfied, that that Sacred Ordinance ought not to be given to ſuch prophane and impious Wretches as they were.

This is the melancholy Account *here to be given of theſe wicked* Malefactors, *by me,*

Monday, Jan. 27. 1717-18.

PAUL LORR'AIN, *Ordinary.*

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